

PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**Present Application:**

Applicant : Vishnu K. Agarwal  
Attorney Docket No.: 500431.04  
Filed : Concurrently herewith  
Title : METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ENDPOINTING A CHEMICAL-  
MECHANICAL PLANARIZATION PROCESS

**Prior Application:**

Examiner : George A. Goudreau  
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Serial No. : 09/139,814

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Commissioner of Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**In the Specification:**

Amend the specification by inserting a new section before the "Technical Field" as follows:

-- CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application is a divisional of pending United States Patent Application No. 09/139,814, filed August 25, 1998. --

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 1-67 and 73-77.

Respectfully submitted,

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